IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Appl. of: Kurdna et al. Confirmation No. 1700

Application No.: 10/728,741 Group Art Unit: 3734

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For: Lancet Device and Method

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.